

MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant to DD/I (Planning)  
SUBJECT: Modification of U. S. Policy on Return of  
Captured German Documents  
REFERENCE: Your memorandum, dated 22 May 1957, same subject

1. I consider that the question of whether the return of the cited documents will cause serious harm to the democratic way of life in the Federal German Republic is wholly a matter for State Department decision and policy.

2. From the standpoint of collection of intelligence information, I have no objection to the return of the category of documents cited in your memorandum, as these are useful only for historical purposes and there is not now nor is there a foreseeable requirement for collection of information from them.

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